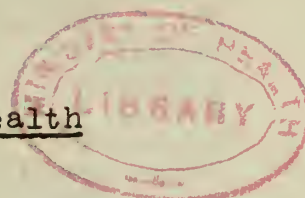


ETON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1942.



To the Chairman and Members of the Eton Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1942, which, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, has been restricted to essential matters, more particularly the compilation of figures for record purposes. The Minister has also drawn attention to the importance, on grounds of national security, of not publishing any figures from which the local population may be deduced. Such figures in this report are therefore strictly confidential to members of the Council and the Government departments concerned.

SECTION A.

Population (Registrar General's Estimate, Mid Year 1942) - 4,201.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.

| | | | | | |
|---------------|----|------|----|--------|------|
| Total | 49 | Male | 23 | Female | 26 |
| Legitimate .. | 46 | " | 20 | " | 26 |
| Illegitimate. | 3 | " | 3 | " | nil. |

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| Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (including boys at Eton College)..... | 11.7 |
| National rate | 15.8 |

Still Births.

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Total | 1 | Male | 1 | Female | nil |
| Legitimate .. | 1 | " | 1 | " | nil |
| Illegitimate. | nil | " | nil | " | nil |

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|---|------|
| Still Birth rate per 1,000 population | 0.24 |
| National rate | 0.54 |

Deaths.

| | | | | | |
|-------------|----|------|----|--------|----|
| Total | 38 | Male | 20 | Female | 18 |
|-------------|----|------|----|--------|----|

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|---------------------------------------|------|
| Death rate per 1,000 population | 9.0 |
| National rate | 11.6 |

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| Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 total Births | 20.0 |
| National rate | 2.01 |

Deaths of Infants under 1:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|------|---|--------|------|
| Total | 4 | Male | 2 | Female | 2 |
| Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births | | | | | 81.6 |
| National rate | | | | | 49.0 |

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| Deaths from Measles | nil |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough | nil |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea | 2 |

| <u>Causes of Death</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System | - | - | - |
| Other Tuberculosis | - | - | - |
| Syphilis | - | - | - |
| Influenza | - | - | - |
| Cancer | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Diabetes | - | - | - |
| Intra-cranial vascular lesions | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Heart disease | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Other circulatory diseases | - | 2 | 2 |
| Bronchitis | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | - | - | - |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 2 | - | 2 |
| Diarrhoea (under 2 years) | 2 | - | 2 |
| Digestive Diseases | 1 | - | 1 |
| Nephritis | - | 1 | 1 |
| Puerperal Sepsis | - | 1 | 1 |
| Premature birth | - | 2 | 2 |
| Congenital malformations, birth injuries, infant diseases | 1 | - | 1 |
| Suicide | 1 | - | 1 |
| Road Traffic Accidents | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other violence | - | 1 | 1 |
| All other causes | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | - | - | - |
| | 20 | 18 | 38 |
| | - | - | - |

SECTION B.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply, drainage, etc. - There has been no change and for particulars see previous reports.

Salvage. The following is the result of the year's effort:-

| | <u>Tons</u> | <u>cwts.</u> | <u>qr.</u> | <u>lbs.</u> | <u>£.</u> | <u>s.</u> | <u>d.</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paper | 59 | 4 | - | - | 204 | 10 | 0. |
| Clinker | 153 | - | - | - | 30 | 9 | 0. |
| Manure | 32 | - | - | - | 20 | 10 | 0. |
| Bones | 1 | 11 | - | - | 5 | 0 | 0. |
| Baled Tin | 46 | 11 | - | - | 57 | 0 | 0. |
| Rags | 1 | - | 2 | - | 15 | 0 | 0. |
| Bottles and jars | 12 | 2 | - | - | 15 | 0 | 0. |
| Kitchen Waste | 52 | 6 | - | - | 20 | 10 | 0. |
| Scrap Iron | 14 | 9 | - | - | 26 | 10 | 0. |
| Miscellaneous Metals | | 2 | - | - | 3 | 0 | 0. |
| Rubber | 2 | 3 | - | - | 3 | 0 | 0. |
| | <u>374</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>400</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>0.</u> |

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply. There are 5 supplementary milk Licences issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936, in force within the district.

The milk produced at the Council's farm continues to be of good quality as shown by analysis taken by the County Council.

The cowsheds in the district have been kept in a better state of cleanliness than in former years. Regular inspections have been made

Inspection and Supervision of Food (continued).

(b) Meat and other Foods. 156 lbs. fish, 4 dozen eggs, 19 lbs. bacon, 65½ lbs. rabbits, 69 lbs. tinned meat and 18 lbs. tinned vegetables were found unfit for human consumption and were returned to the manufacturers or destroyed.

Details of Sanitary Inspections.

Sewerage and Drainage

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| New drainage work | 5 |
| Defective drains | 4 |
| Overflowing cesspools | 2 |

Public Cleansing

New dustbins required 12

Housing

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Dampness | 5 |
| Defective plaster | 2 |
| Defective floor | 2 |
| Defective yard paving | 1 |
| Defective Chimney stack | 1 |
| Dangerous structure | 2 |

Cowsheds and Dairies

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Dirty floors | 5 |
| Dirty walls | 6 |
| Animals not cleansed before milking | 3 |

General

| | |
|---|---|
| Rat infestation | 1 |
| Deposits of refuse | 2 |
| Camp inspection | 2 |
| Fair inspection | 1 |
| Nuisance from chicken and rabbit keeping | 1 |

SECTION C.

Notifiable Diseases during 1942
(Other than Tuberculosis)

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Cases</u> <u>Notified</u> | <u>Cases admitted</u> <u>to Eton Joint</u> <u>Isolation Hospital</u> | <u>Deaths</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Smallpox | - | - | - |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - |
| Scarlet Fever | 13 | 10 | - |
| Enteric Fever | - | - | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 1 | - | - |
| Pneumonia | - | - | - |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - |
| Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis | 2 | - | - |
| Measles | 1 | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | - |

Of the 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, 5 occurred amongst boys in the College. Of the remainder, 6 were in Eton and 2 in Eton Wick. 3 of the former occurred in one household and 2 in another.

2 cases of Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis occurred in the College and made complete recoveries.

No case of Diphtheria occurred during the year. 87% of the school children have now been protected against Diphtheria by immunisation and 24% of the children under 5. Two immunisation Clinics are held weekly at the Health Centre, Burlington Road, Slough at which children from the Urban District may attend - these are held on Thursday mornings from 9.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. and Friday afternoons at 2.15 p.m.

Tuberculosis. During the year 1 case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified, a girl aged 18. 1 death was recorded a girl aged 20.

Evacuation. The number of Official evacuees in the district at the end of the year was 153, as follows:- Unaccompanied children 113, Mothers and Children 12, Adults 17, Teachers 4, Helpers 7.

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